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Re report of SA HAROLD J. EDGERTON dated 4/30/68 at Dallas, Texas.

For the information of the Bureau, Dallas is probing the activities of the subject with two specific objectives. One, he is a bookmaker as will be readily observed in referenced report; two, in this connection he is believed to be tied in with PHILIP STEPHEN BOSCO, DL 92-331, LCN suspect and known close associate of JOSEPH FRANCIS CIVELLO, LCN. Not too much is known about subject's earlier years in Dallas, and this is being developed, but it has been established that he has been bookmaking for some time and according to DL 369-C, who at one time was subject's collector, subject has "fattened" himself on his bookmaking activities. This, together with his verified contacts with BOSCO, raise a logical question as to whether he is part of the CIVELLO group. His birth has not been verified, and through INS this will be verified.

Dallas is asking the Bureau to approve a review of telephone records for toll calls on all telephones available to subject not only to assist in identifying his contacts, but also whether his bookmaking activities reach outside of Texas. At this time, such review would be strictly of investigative interest in our efforts to pin down the two aspects mentioned above. Review of such records will be handled through JAMES M. VAUGHAN, JR., Area Security Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, SAC contact and former SA, with full security assured and with no embarrassment to the Bureau.

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